



PATENT

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In re application of:

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE LABELING REACTANTS AND THEIR USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 14, 2001

Sir:

Please amend this application, prior to first examination thereof, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 8 as follows:

8. (Once Amended) The labeling reactant according to claim 1 **characterized** in that G is a bivalent aromatic structure and preferably selected from a group consisting of carbostyryl

